

22 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Group (CI) Meeting at 3 p.m., 21 February 1963

1. The meeting was chaired by Alexis Johnson, and present were Mr. Gilpatric, General Carter, General Harris, Mr. Bell and, for a short period, Mr. Robert Kennedy.

2. Mr. Tyler Thompson and his Liberian/Tunisian visiting team were introduced to the assembled group, and Mr. Thompson presented his plans in accordance with the attached Tab A. The Attorney General pointed out that these visiting groups were operating as an arm of the President, reported directly to the President, and that they should have absolutely no inhibitions as to what they reported. Mr. Thompson indicated with considerable relish that he had long been awaiting an opportunity to look into State Department activities with this type of charter. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Byroade report had been most helpful but that the Draper report had not.

3. There were no comments on, and the group merely noted, the following:

- a. Southeast Asia status report briefing on priority national intelligence objectives;
- b. Improvements of indigenous intelligence organizations;
- c. Proposed agenda for February 28th;
- d. Approval of minutes of February 7th;
- e. Appraisal of threat of insurgency in East Pakistan.

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5. Mr. Forrestal circulated the attached Tab B which tabulates paramilitary forces in South Vietnam.

6. The Secretary circulated the proposed agenda for next week. (Tab C)

7. The Secretary circulated a memorandum to Mr. Johnson from General Taylor, Subject: Review of Counterinsurgency Programs, Venezuela, which will be the subject of separate action.



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